

Condencia Brade is the co-founder and Executive Director for the National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault (SCESA). SCESA is a Women of Color-led nonprofit dedicated to working with our communities to create a just society in which Women of Color are able to live healthy lives free of violence. As a national advocacy organization, SCESA utilizes a multi-strategy approach of leadership enhancement and support for Women of Color; advocacy and support for organizations by and for communities of color; as well as technical assistance, training and systems advocacy regarding sexual assault in communities of color. A few years ago, SCESA put forth a report titled, “Women of Color and Leadership at Statewide Sexual Assault Coalitions” to address the lack of support and challenges that Women of Color face at coalitions. SCESA continues to work with national projects such as the Sexual Assault Resource Sharing Project to encourage and support Women of Color leading and influencing the work to end sexual assault. Condencia has a strong history working with communities of color, children, teens, and college students. She has focused on issues such as leadership, immigration, economics, disability and health – just to name a few. Prior to founding SCESA, Condencia worked at a statewide sexual assault coalition where she was responsible for (among other things) management of a statewide Spanish Hotline and overseeing trainings for rape crisis centers, law enforcement and healthcare providers addressing sexual assault survivors.

Kimlynn Cohen received her Bachelor’s degree in Management Information Systems from Barry University and her Master’s degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University. She has been employed by the Florida Department of Corrections since 1991. In her current position as Correctional Probation Specialist, Kimlynn works to rehabilitate offenders by enforcing court orders, conducting risk assessments to protect the public, and ensuring offenders’ awareness of the impact of their crime on their victims by placing them in appropriate educational and rehabilitation programs. During her tenure with the Department, Kimlynn has received advanced training in Domestic Violence, Electronic Monitoring, Interrogations/Investigation Interviews, Human & Community Relations, Sex Crimes Investigations and Hostage Negotiations. As a Florida Department of Law Enforcement Instructor, she is certified in the areas of General Subjects, Human Diversity and Defensive Tactics. Kimlynn also serves as a liaison for the City of Miami Police Department’s Weed and Seed Program, which is designed to prevent, control and reduce violent crime, drug abuse and gang activity in high crime neighborhoods. In addition to her service with the Department, Kimlynn currently serves as an Adjunct Instructor for the Probation Academy at Broward Community College.

Michelle Garcia has served as the Director of the Stalking Resource Center since October 2006. The mission of the Stalking Resource Center is to raise national awareness about stalking and to encourage the development and implementation of multidisciplinary responses to stalking in local communities across the country. Prior to joining the National Center, Michelle was a program specialist with the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime. She has over fifteen years experience working with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in both rural and urban settings. Ms. Garcia is a

former President of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault and a former President of the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Andrea Garwood, LMHC, is a State of Florida Qualified Supervisor for Mental Health Counseling, a Nationally Certified Counselor and a member of the American Counseling Association. She holds a Masters Degree in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Central Florida. Andrea was born in Jamaica and has spent much of her adult life in the United States. She now resides in Orlando, Florida where she is also a licensed Minister and has served in a leadership capacity for the past 11 years. She has served as a team member for the Family Services Planning Team of Orange County for the past 7 years. Currently, she is employed as the Clinical Manager for the Howard Philips Center for Children and Families, a division of Orlando Regional Healthcare System. As a former university instructor and national consultant, she has had the privilege of presenting at conferences, workshops, hospitals, schools, churches and community agencies.

Angelica Gonzalez – not available

Wendy Hallowell is the Victims' Rights Coordinator for the Florida Executive Office of the Governor, serving in this capacity since 2003. Wendy's primary responsibility is the review and preparation of the annual report for the Governor's Office, detailing each law enforcement agency's compliance or noncompliance with its duties as provided under the Statute (the guidelines for fair treatment of victims and witnesses in the criminal and juvenile justice systems). She also provides services and accompaniment to homicide survivors at executions and is involved in the Clemency process. She helps to coordinate victim related events held in Florida's Capitol. Prior to her position with the Governor, Wendy worked for the Attorney General's Office serving as the Capital Victim Advocate for death penalty appellate litigation for 10 years. She began her victim services career with the Attorney General's Office in 1990 as a Claims Analyst in Victim Compensation. Prior to joining the State, she was in human resource management for Allied Retail Stores for 13 years. Wendy is the Vice President of the Florida Network of Victim Witness Services and also serves as Chair for the Awards and Victim's Rights Week Committees. Wendy serves as Co-Chair for Tallahassee's Big Bend Victim Assistance Coalition and Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Missing Children Information Clearinghouse. In addition, she is an active adult choir member at Thomasville Road Baptist Church.

Robin W. Josef is the founder and CEO of LIFE Recovery Council, Inc. In 2007, Ms. Josef established LIFE (Living in the Father's Embrace) Recovery Council and subsequently the Emerald Ribbon Campaign (ERC). ERC is a faith-based movement against sexual violence, and was designed to provide leadership in strategically aligning and equipping pastors and/or parishioners to become activists against sexual violence and its affects. Currently the ERC is asking pastors and/or parishioners to provide encouragement, education, guidance and support to survivors of sexual trauma, and their families, by hosting inspirational prayer breakfasts and annual prevention workshops for youth and teens. Ms. Josef currently resides in Orlando, Florida where she has

volunteered her services to community programs and received numerous awards. Most recently, she was a nominee for Humanitarian of the Year by the Central Florida Black History Committee. For more information about Robin and the Life Recovery Council, visit www.PrayerForSexualTrauma.org.

Gretchen Howard became the Program Manager of Project Payback, a victim restitution program for juvenile offenders, in August 1999. She developed individual and group job skills training for juveniles court-ordered to pay restitution. For the past seven years, Gretchen has compiled demographic data of the annual juvenile offenses committed in the 8th Judicial Circuit and presented the findings to juvenile justice agencies. In the 2002 Florida Legislature, she successfully got victim legislation filed, introduced, and passed, that requires clerks of court to provide victims with information on how to enforce restitution orders that have been converted to civil liens. Prior to Project Payback, Gretchen worked for 13 years as a victim advocate in Alachua County providing counseling and advocacy to survivors of sexual battery, homicide and DUI, and other forms of violence. For the past 12 years, Gretchen has been instrumental in the creation and development of the Victims' Memorial Park, the first County Park in Florida to be dedicated to victims of crime. Gretchen has received local and statewide awards for her service to crime victims from MADD, Parents of Murdered Children, and the Florida Network of Victim Witness Services. She is the President of the Florida Network of Victim Witness Services, Inc. She is a frequent presenter and trainer at statewide Victim Services conferences. Gretchen received her B.A. from the University of Florida and has completed intensive certification training in Morita and Naikan therapies.

Katrina Lacy graduated from St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami, Florida in 1998. In addition to her law degree, she holds MSW, BSW, and BS (Criminology) degrees from Florida State University. Katrina is currently the Project Director for the Legal Assistance to Victims (LAV) Program with the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence. Previously, Katrina worked with the Governor's Task Force Against Domestic Violence under the direction of Robin Hassler Thompson; the Guardian Ad Litem Program, 6th Judicial Circuit, where she advocated for the rights of abused and neglected children in dependency court; and the Public Defender's Office (6th and 13th Judicial Circuits), where she advocated for the rights of indigent adults and juveniles in misdemeanor court. In addition, Katrina has worked with the Agency for Healthcare Administration and the Florida Bar as a senior attorney.

Lucane LaFortune is the Director of Community Education at the Washington, D.C., Rape Crisis Center where she conducts outreach and educational programs, oversees implementation of long-term projects, and seeks out collaborative educational partnerships with relevant community agencies. Throughout her career, Lucane has stayed close to the pulse by working with underserved youth as a program manager at the Latin American Youth Center, a training coordinator at the Young Women's Project, and a youth counselor at the Independent Living Program for foster care. Her commitment to social justice and equality for all remains the focal point of her work and involvement at the D.C. Rape Crisis Center.

Christina Lalama – not available

Diane Larochelle has worked directly with victim survivors of domestic and sexual violence since October of 2003. She received a master's degree at Wheelock College in Boston. Diane has adapted the educational strategies and style she developed in the classroom to the work she does with adult and child victim survivors. In 2002, she began working at the YWCA of Manchester, New Hampshire, in the after school program where many of the children living in the local domestic violence center participated in violence prevention and esteem building activities. Since joining the YWCA Crisis Service as a volunteer in 2003, Diane has developed the sexual violence support group program. She currently serves as the Criminal Justice Advocate working directly with the local Domestic Violence Unit and Sexual Assault Investigators at the Manchester Police Department under the Grants to Encourage Arrests and Enforce Protective Orders Program.

Mark Lazarus is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of Florida, and received a Master of Social Work degree from Florida State University. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Florida International University. Mark was hired by the Florida Department of Corrections in November 1988, to establish the Victim Assistance Program and Court Ordered Payments System. Prior to joining the Department, Mark worked as a Correctional Officer with the Metro-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department for 14 years. While there, he held various assignments such as supervisor of inmate records, population management, inmate supervision and intra-state inmate transportation. Mark has served as treasurer for MADD Leon County, served on the Governor's Coordinating Council for Victims' Rights, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Network of Victim Witness Services, Inc., where he has held the position of Vice-President, President, Secretary, and is currently Treasurer. Other professional experiences include moderator at the MADD Victim Impact Panels and State Coordinator for the 'Silent Witness National Initiative'. Mark was employed from 2002 – 2007 at Apalachee Center Inc, a Community Mental Health Crisis Hospital covering 8 Counties in the Florida Big Bend, as the weekend Admission and Discharge Coordinator. Mark conducts statewide training related to Victim Services in Correctional Facilities, Victim Notification, Restitution, and other related topics.

Sergio Llanes, PhD, was born in Habana, Cuba. He was raised by his grandmother after his mother's death when he was seven-years-old. At the age of thirteen his grandmother passed away, which left Dr. Llanes completely alone. From the ages of 13 to 17, he slept on the streets. Despite his hardships, Dr. Llanes graduated from university. He came to the United States in 1984, where his daughter was born. In the United States, Dr. Llanes obtained a masters degree from Carlos Albizu University and later received his doctorate from America University of Science. Since 1987, Dr. Llanes has been working as a psychology instructor from Miami Jackson Adult Education and a Community Liaison for Miami Senior High. In 1996, Dr. Llanes founded and directed the Hispanic Foundation to Prevent Domestic Violence and was the director of the Hispanic League Against Discrimination. He is a member of the Alliance of South Florida for the Prevention of Crime and the Latin Alliance Against Domestic Violence. Currently, Dr.

Llanes is involved in a World Health Organization global project to educate medical doctors in the incorporation of routine domestic violence assessments during the diagnostic process. Dr. Llanes is the author of three books: *Al Rescate de la Familia*, *Pensamientos y Mediocridad*, and *Razones para Vivir, Crecer y Triunfar*.

Maria LaRocco is the Executive Director of Project HELP, Inc., Collier County's Sexual Assault Crisis Center. She also sits on the Board of Directors for the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence and coordinates the Collier County Sexual Assault Interagency Council. Maria is a certified trainer for the FCASV Core Advocacy Curriculum and frequent presenter of diversity and other issues that impact survivors of crime. She is a Nationally Credentialed Victim Advocate with designations of Program Management Specialist and Sexual Assault Intervention Specialist. She has spent the last 12 years working in academic, mental health, medical and vocational rehabilitation arenas, providing advocacy and services to the Deaf community. Prior to holding her current position, Maria served as the Coordinator of Deaf Services for Allies, Inc., a New Jersey-based agency, where she successfully created New Jersey's first statewide vocational rehabilitation program for the Deaf.

Ann Loonstra, PhD, is currently an outreach therapist and advocate for the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence (FCASV) at the Poinciana Advocacy Center in Key West, Florida. Prior to joining FCASV, Ann was a psychology resident at an outpatient facility where she provided diagnostic evaluation, psychotherapy, and onsite services to families in need in the Lower Florida Keys. She received a PhD in Clinical Psychology from Nova Southeastern University in 2004, where she conducted a two year clinical outcome study using a dialectical behavior therapy model with adult survivors of childhood physical and/or sexual abuse. She has presented various aspects of her research at meetings of the American Psychological Association, the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, and the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. She lives with her son on Big Pine Key.

Pablo Lorenzo's life, as it is now, began on August 1994, when he took a raft from his home country of Cuba and started rowing to Florida. His journey meant leaving behind his one year old daughter, teaching at the University of Havana, friends, years of academic and professional development, his language, culture, and family and their heritage of many years giving back to the community. In Miami, Pablo has over 10 years of experience working and researching in the arena of family violence and sexual abuse. First through the University of Miami, School of Medicine, in a coordinated grant with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and now through the research and adaptation of "promised practice" models, as part of the Advocate Center for Training and Treatment (ACTT) in Miami, a subdivision of the Advocate Program Inc. For the last five years Pablo has been part of EnFamilia, Inc., a non-profit, multi-faceted art and family education center whose mission is to build healthy family relationships, examine and preserve cultural values and enrich the quality of life through education and the arts. He is currently involved as a senior facilitator for the "Promoting Responsible Fatherhood" project, a program created to improve the relationships between fathers and

their children. Pablo's ultimate dream is to work everyday to be the very best dad he can be for his 5 year old son Dante and for his 15 year old daughter, Lis, who lives in Cuba; to continue the path of giving back to his community and to share and listen from a place of understanding and appreciation.

Kymerly May began employment with the Florida Department of Corrections in 1990, as a Correctional Probation Officer. A few years later she was promoted to a Correctional Probation Senior Officer where she supervised a specialized case load. Initially, the specialized case load was that of offenders residing in Miami-Dade County that were placed on supervision in all other counties. The next specialized case load was that of Community Control, for offenders placed on house arrest. In 1999, she was promoted the Correctional Probation Specialist and supervised offenders who were released from prison, offenders on supervision for sex offenses, or offenders considered to be high risk cases. In 2005, she became a Correctional Probation Supervisor and remains in that capacity, supervising Correctional Probation Officers. Ms. May attended the Trumbull County Branch of Kent State University in Warren, Ohio and received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Youngstown State University, in Ohio.

Gail Monahan has been the Executive Director of the Alachua County Housing Authority (ACHA) since 1973. Ms. Monahan received a Bachelor of Science in 1971 from the University of Rhode Island and is certified as a Public Housing Manager by the National Center for Housing Management, Inc. She is also a graduate of *Leadership Gainesville*, sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Monahan is extensively involved in local community affairs. She is a committee member of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, a board member for the Volunteer Center, Alachua County Affordable Housing Coalition, Alachua/Bradford Regional Workforce Board, the Department of Children and Families Family Services Planning Team, and the Alachua County Coalition for School Readiness. She has also served as President of the Florida Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials, a Guardian Ad Litem for the 8th Judicial Circuit, a member of the local United Way Budget Allocation Committee, the Expansion Committee for Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., and a former board member of Planned Parenthood.

Darlene Moppert, MS, RD, LD/N, is a registered dietitian holding both a bachelor and masters degree in nutrition and dietetics. Darlene has lead nutrition programs in South Florida for more than two decades. Currently she is the Program Manager for Nutrition Education and Training, Food and Nutrition Services, of the School Board of Broward County, Florida. From 1999-2007, she served two terms as a member of the Florida Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Council, the state licensing board for nutrition practitioners and she was past president of the Florida Dietetic Association. Darlene is co-author of the recently released, Fort Lauderdale Diet. She motivates audiences through her passion for healthy eating and delicious nutritional plans.

Brian Ogawa, PhD, is the chair and associate professor in the Department of Human Services at Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas. He is also the Director of Health Center Pacific. Dr. Ogawa is internationally known for professional training and

certification in Eastern psychotherapies, particularly Morita and Naikan. Most recently he was Director of the Crime Victims' Institute, the state research, evaluation and policy program for crime victim rights and services in the Office of the Texas Attorney General. Previously, he was Director of the National Academy for Victim Studies, Department of Criminal Justice, University of North Texas; Director of a prosecutor-based victim/witness assistance division; university-based mental health researcher, and counselor in private practice. Dr. Ogawa has been a consultant on many national research and curriculum projects, including the National Institute of Justice/Urban Institute Evaluation of State VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation Programs; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention youth drug prevention programs; and American Prosecutors research Institute hate and bias crimes training. He has served on numerous national boards and committees, including the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women for the U.S. Department of Justice and Health and Human Services; Executive Committee of the National Organization for Victim Assistance; National Victim Assistance Standards Consortium; and Victim Issues Committee of the American Probation and Parole Association. Dr. Ogawa is the author of the acclaimed books, *Walking on Eggshells* (Bent Tree Press), which describes Morita therapy for abused women; *To Tell the Truth* (Volcano Press), written to assist children through the criminal justice system; *Color of Justice*, 2nd Edition (Allyn & Bacon), the landmark study on minority victimization; and *A River to Live By: The 12 Life Principles of Morita Therapy* (Xlibris/Random House).

Kelly Otte is the Founder and President of The Oasis Center for Women & Girls, a newly created women's center in Tallahassee, Florida whose mission is to "improve the lives of women & girls through celebration & support." She is also the Executive Director of United Partners for Human Services, a coalition of more than 90 human service agencies in Tallahassee. In addition, she is the President of Action Consulting, providing consultative services on a wide range of issues, such as management/leadership and board of directors training for domestic violence and rape crisis centers as well as other nonprofit organizations. Between 1996 and 2005, Kelly was the Executive Director of Refuge House, the domestic violence and rape crisis center in Tallahassee. In the past 23 years she has worked in domestic violence centers, rape crisis programs and women's centers in Carson City, Nevada; Norfolk, Virginia; and Jacksonville and Tallahassee, Florida. She was a founding board member of the Women's Center of Jacksonville and Faculty Advisor to the Women's Center at Florida State University. She is an Adjunct Professor at FSU and teaches in both the Askew School of Public Administration & Policy and the College of Social Work and taught at the University of North Florida. Kelly is a former President and a six-term board member of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and has served on a number of other Boards. Kelly has a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a B.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of North Florida. Kelly is the daughter of a sexual abuse and domestic violence survivor, and she believes that everything she has been able to achieve is a testament to her mother's will to persevere. It is her great privilege to do whatever she can to end violence against women.

Suzanne Quinn is founder of the SteeleQuinn Consulting Group: a company focused on training and technical assistance, specializing in the areas of victim assistance, human trafficking, domestic violence, and cultural competency. She also serves as Deputy Director of Victim Response Inc. /The Lodge, an organization that provides high-quality shelter services, advocacy and counseling to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. As Program Manager of the Florida Freedom Partnership, the human trafficking program of the International Rescue Committee, Suzanne spearheaded a multi-faceted outreach campaign to build the capacity of the South Florida community to respond to the needs of trafficked persons. Additional experience includes serving as Program Director at Freedom House, a shelter for refugee and asylum seekers in Detroit, Michigan. Suzanne holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, specializing in peace and conflict studies, from Wayne State University in Detroit and a Master of Art in International Administration from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.

Monica Ramirez is the founder of Esperanza: The Immigrant Women's Legal Initiative. A Southern Poverty Law Center project, Esperanza aims to empower and support female low-wage immigrant workers in asserting their legal rights through community legal education, administrative and legislative advocacy and litigation. Monica began Esperanza as an Equal Justice Works/Florida Bar Foundation fellow with the Florida Legal Services Migrant Farmworker Justice Project in Lake Worth, Florida. Her fellowship focused on sexual harassment and gender discrimination faced by farmworker women. In February 2006, SPLC adopted Esperanza. Esperanza now reaches out to all low-wage immigrant women in the entire Southeastern United States who face gender discrimination in the workplace. In April 2006, the Center launched a national working group to address sexual harassment and other forms of gender discrimination against farmworker women and other low-wage immigrant women. Monica is a graduate of Loyola University, Chicago and received her law degree from Ohio State University Moritz College of law.

Angelica Reyna – not available

Lynn Rosenthal has been involved in women's services for 25 years as an activist, educator and leader. She recently completed a six-year tenure at the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) where she served as Executive Director for five years and President for one year. During her tenure at NNEDV, Lynn lobbied in Congress for funding of battered women's shelters, provided training to state domestic violence coalitions and initiated partnerships with corporations addressing domestic violence. Prior to her service at NNEDV, Lynn was director of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and of Refuge House, a battered women's shelter and rape crisis center serving eight counties in North Florida. In 1999, Lynn was recipient of the Florida Governor's Peace at Home Award given to an advocate who has made a difference in the lives of battered women and their children. In 2006, she was the first recipient of the Sheila Wellstone Institute National Advocacy Award. Lynn is currently providing consulting services to state and national organizations on violence against women.

Dr. Charles Russo received a Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham University in Bronx, New York and his medical degree from New York Medical College. Dr. Russo trained at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut where he completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine and served as Chief Resident. He completed his Cardiology fellowship at the University of Miami, Jackson Memorial Hospital where he also served as Assistance Clinical Professor of Medicine for 5 years. Dr. Russo is a member of various professional organizations and is presently a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He has published several medical papers in peer-reviewed journals and has remained active in clinical research. He has received several achievement awards throughout his career and has been recognized by various institutions. He recently co-authored *The Fort Lauderdale Diet: A Cardiologist's Solution to the Calorie Calamity*.

Anna Salter, Ph.D. received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Harvard University. Dr. Salter consults half time to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. In addition, she lectures and consults on sex offenders and victims throughout the United States and abroad. Before moving to Wisconsin Dr. Salter served on the faculty of Dartmouth Medical School in New Hampshire. She has written three non-fiction books, including *Predators: Pedophiles, Rapists and Other Sex Offenders: Who They Are, How They Operate and How We Can Protect Ourselves and Our Children* and *Transforming Trauma: A Guide to Understanding and Treating Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse*.

Anamargret Sanchez is director of the teacher training program at Prana Yoga, Miami, and she leads workshops and teaches privately. After a life of theater and performance art, Anamargret (Shivaa) dedicated herself fully to Yoga. Her passion for Yoga has taken her all over the country as well as India to study. Yogarupa, Rod Stryker, initiated her into the Tantric lineage and her practice and teaching are firmly grounded in this ancient tradition. Because of her diverse background and training her classes are eclectic, challenging and fun. Through the grace of the teachings she guides students to uncover their personal understanding and connection to Yoga.

Aurelia Sands Belle has over 25 years of experience in victim service program development and management, including working closely with victims in the immediate aftermath of the crime and throughout the criminal justice process. Aurelia received a bachelor's degree from Oglethorpe University and Master of Education in Community Counseling from Georgia State University. Aurelia lives and works in Durham, North Carolina. Currently, she is the Executive Director of the Durham Crisis Response Center. She is also a contract consultant for federal, state and local agencies and nonprofit organizations. Her consultative services cover topics such as nonprofit board development, strategic planning, program development, and management. Aurelia has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Aurelia Sands Belle Advocacy Award, an award established in her name by the Atlanta Victim-Witness Assistance Program. Aurelia has been an Advisory Board Member on the National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center, and she is currently a board member of the Office for Victims of Crime National Victim Assistance Academy Faculty, the National

Organization for Victim Assistance, the National Victims Constitutional Amendment Network and End Violence Against Women.

Joseph Schiller – not available

Maria Schneider – not available

Dennis Siegel is the Assistant State Attorney in charge of the Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Division, 17th Judicial Circuit, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. For the past 31 years, Steve has played a critical role in the field of Victim Services. He went to the Denver District Attorney's Office in 1983, after seven and one-half years in the First Judicial District Attorney's Office in Colorado where he served as the Director of the Special Projects Unit. This unit was responsible for many cutting edge programs including the Cold Case DNA Project, Witness Protection, Juvenile Diversion, and the Domestic Violence Fast Track Program. As a nationally recognized leader in the field, Steve has served in an advisory capacity to many recent tragic events including the shootings at Columbine High School, Platte Canyon High School, and Virginia Tech University. After September 11, 2001, Steve assisted the United States Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime in the development of programs to serve the victims in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. He also supervised the Colorado-Oklahoma Resource Council, which served the victims of the Oklahoma Federal Building bombing who were in Denver for the McVeigh/Nichols trials. Steve has been the recipient of numerous honors including the 2006 National Crime Victim Services Award and has served on many local coalitions, boards and committees.

Erika Smith, LMFT, is a Rape Crisis/Trauma Recovery Therapist at Lakeview Center in Pensacola, Florida. She earned her Masters degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Auburn University in 2003 and went on to become a Florida licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Erika is currently working towards her Masters in Exercise Science at the University of West Florida where she is integrating her interests in both clinical work and exercise science. In 2007, she implemented the first wellness group "Yoga for Survivors of Trauma" at the Lakeview Center through collaboration with the Therapeutic Activity Center at Lakeview. She is also a Certified Trauma Specialist through the Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists.

Nancy Tanner was hired in 1991, by State Attorney Michael J. Satz to direct the Victim Advocate Unit for the 17th Judicial Circuit. She is a semi-native Floridian, who has lived in Florida for over 30 years. Ms. Tanner is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Masters degree from Barry University. She has worked for city, county and state governments as well as private and non-profit organizations providing comprehensive treatment to child victims of physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Ms. Tanner maintains a private psychotherapy practice in Fort Lauderdale where she assists adults, children and their families to resolve issues unrelated to the criminal justice system. Ms. Tanner is a founding member of the Broward Victim Rights Coalition and chairs the Broward

Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. She is currently the Member at Large for the Broward Domestic Violence Council and Secretary for the Florida Network of Victim Witness Services. Nancy is a very active Board Member for the Leadership Broward Foundation.

Nola Theiss is the founder and Executive Director of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the issue of human trafficking to the forefront of public awareness and to helping communities develop community action groups to fight the crime. Since 2004, Nola has been Chair of the Coalition Against Human Trafficking in SW Florida; President, President-Elect, and Vice-President of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captive; Founding Chair of the Anti-Trafficking Project, called a “model of citizen activism;” and an Organizing Partner of the National Human Trafficking Conference at Florida Gulf Coast University. Nola has been invited to speak to over 5000 people at numerous events, ranging from service and church groups to bar associations, college forums, physician and hospital groups, and she has been a guest on numerous radio and cable television shows on human trafficking. Nola has been a recipient of the Ft. Myers News-Press’ 2005 “People to Praise” for Human Trafficking efforts, a finalist for the Lee County 2006 “Citizen of the Year” award, and a semi-finalist for the 2007 Echoing Green Fellowship. Nola received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois and a Master’s degree from John Hopkins University. In 2002, she received a Master of Public Administration from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Master Chufei Tsai has been an educator for over 25 years. She has been a consultant to teaching hospitals in China, Russia and Europe. She is founder of the Healing and Rejuvenation Institute of Taiwan; has been an Advisor to the President of Taiwan; is an Advisory Board Member of Florida International University’s College of Arts and Sciences, Center for Spirituality; Consultant/Training Director to the counseling staff at Gladstone Home for Girls; Founder of Zab Sang Institute; founder of Zen Village; and Creator of Wisdom Eye Publications. She was also the Chairman of His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s recent visit to Miami.

Fabienne Vendrys – not available

Beatrice (Bebe) Lane Westbrook, L.M.S.W., is a native of Miami, Florida. She relocated to Columbia, South Carolina in 2001, and obtained her Master of Social Work degree from the University of South Carolina. Currently, Bebe is the Sexual Assault Coordinator for the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVSA), where she previously held the position of Domestic Violence Coordinator. Prior to working for SCCADVSA, Bebe spent two years as a member of the University of South Carolina Empowerment Evaluation Team, working in the primary prevention of intimate partner violence and sexual violence for the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Bebe’s professional experience includes such diverse areas as clinical services to victims of sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and child sexual abuse. She is experienced in the areas of crisis intervention, advocacy, intervention and prevention of interpersonal violence and sexual violence, and the

criminal justice system, as well as program development, implementation, monitoring and outcome evaluation, research, community and professional training, technical assistance and community coalitions. Bebe is also an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina, College of Social Work.

Deborah Winchok-Ebert, LMHC, works with the Children's Advocacy Center's Sexual Assault Recovery Team (SART) in Deland, Florida. Deborah is a graduate of the Mental Health Counseling program at Stetson University. She has extensive experience working with survivors of trauma, including sexual and physical assault, child abuse and domestic violence. Deborah is a member of the American Counseling Association, Florida Mental Health Counseling Association, and the Florida Network Victim Witness Services, Inc. She is currently employed with SART as a licensed therapist, education coordinator, and supervisor of the crisis intervention specialists.

Tracy D. Wright is the Partner Project Coordinator with the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA) for the National Resource Sharing Project. Currently, Tracy provides technical assistance and training to 18 state sexual assault coalitions and also works with national entities to create a coordinated response to ending sexual violence and to addressing emerging issues. Tracy's initial work in the women's anti-violence movement began as a project intern with NCCASA where she compiled an analysis of over 75 sexual assault service providers in North Carolina. Fully committed to a life of service, Tracy serves on the board of the Wake County Commission for Women and regularly lends time and talents to Planned Parenthood of Wake County, North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence Women of Color Caucus, and Reaching Your Goals, Inc. Tracy holds a BA in Mass Communications from Shaw University and a Master's of Science in Print Journalism from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.